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SUBJECT: SIXTH FLEET SHIP VISITS IN MARSEILLE CONSULAR
DISTRICT

1. CONSULATE GENERAL MARSEILLE WISHES TO HIGHLY COMMEND THE OFFICERS AND SHIPS COMPANIES OF THE SIXTH FLEET VESSELS THAT HAVE CALLED THIS YEAR IN OUR CONSULAR DISTRICT. ALL HANDS HAVE PROVED MOST ABLE IN ORGANIZING AND CONDUCTING VERY SUCCESSFUL VISITS. LIBERTY CONTROL HAS BEEN EXCELLENT, COMPORTMENT OF THOSE ASHORE HAS LEFT NOTHING TO BE DESIRED IN ALL BUT A MINIMUM OF CASES, AND SHIPS COMPANIES HAVE BEEN VERY PRODUCTIVE IN THEIR PUBLIC RELATIONS. THESE VISITS HAVE RESULTED IN A VISIBLE IMPROVEMENT OF THE US IMAGE IN THIS CONSULAR DISTRICT, AND WE HAVE FOUND IT A REAL PLEASURE TO MEET AND WORK WITH OUR NAVY COLLEAGUES.

2. THE CALL OF USS ALBANY TO TOULON IN NOVEMBER IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF HIGHLY POSITIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND PROVIDED A WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CONSUL GENERAL TO MEET THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE SIXTH FLEET AND HIS STAFF,
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AND THROUGH THEM TO GAIN IMPORTANT INSIGHTS INTO THE NAVY S ROLE IN THIS AREA AND HOW WE CAN ASSIST AND SUPPORT THAT ROLE. WE HOPE TO SEE THE FLAGSHIP, THE FLEET COMMANDER, AND HIS STAFF SOON AGAIN.

3. AS FOR VISITORS TO MARSEILLE, A CALL HARD TO MATCH JUST CONCLUDED WITH THE DEPARTURE OF USS CALOOSAHATCHEE

SEVERAL DAYS AGO. THE OFFICERS AND CREW OF THIS SHIP, IN
PORT DURING THREE WEEKS OF THE CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR SEASON,
SHOWED THEMSELVES TO BE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AMBASSADORS
OF THE UNITED STATES. THEIR ON-BOARD CHRISTMAS DAY PARTY
FOR 60 ORPHANS WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED AS WILL THE REPAIR
AND DECORATING WORK CONTRIBUTED TO THE ORPHANAGE BY THE SHIP.
THE MARSEILLE FRENCH-US SOCIETY DONATED USE OF THEIR FACILITIES
FOR A TEMPORARY USO. LOCAL NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY ABOUT THE
SHIP'S PRESENCE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON RESULTED IN ABOUT
ONE THIRD OF THE SHIP'S COMPANY BEING INVITED ONE MORE
TIMES INTO MARSEILLE HOMES FOR DINNER AND HOSPITALITY. THESE
WERE FRENCH HOMES, SINCE WE HAVE NO LOCAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY.
AND THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S OPEN LETTER TO MARSEILLE,
THANKING ITS CITIZENS FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY, WAS PUBLISHED
TODAY IN THE LOCAL PRESS AND THIS FINE PIECE OF POSITIVE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS WILL HAVE A LONG LASTING IMPACT. WELL
DONE CALOOSAHATCHEE.

4. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH THE SIXTH FLEET
AND TO SERVICE ITS SHIP VISITS. WE WISH ALL BEST FOR THE
NEW YEAR TO SIXTH FLEET ELEMENTS, AND LOOK FORWARD TO OUR
FUTURE CONTACTS. MEIMA

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